4. Mr. R.N. Mirdha, M.P.

5. Mr. Vishvjit P.Singh, M.P.

6. Mr. R.R. Sahu, M.P.

7. Mr. Kapil Verma, M.P.

8. Mr. Abrar Ahmed, M.P

9. Mr. Debi Prosad Pal, M.P.

10. Mr. Mani Shankar Alyar, M.P.

11. Dr. Venkateswara Rao, M.P.

12. Mr. M. Dubey,
Foreign Secretary

13. Mr. Prakash Shah,
Permanent Representative,
PMI, Geneva

14. Shri T.P. Sreenivasan
Joint Secretary (UN)

15. Shri T. Prabhakar Menon,
Deputy permanent Representative,
PMI, New York.

All officers of the rank of First Secretary and above in the Permanent Mission of India, New York, also form part of the Indian Delegation.

(e) An estimated expenditure of Rs. 39 lakhs is expected to be incurred on the delegation.

International Symposium on Coconut Research and Development

3592. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International Symposium on Coconut Research and Development was held in November, 1991.

(b) if so, the number of delegates who attended the Symposium and the number of them from foreign countries;

(c) the names of countries participated in the meet;

(d) the recommendations made at the Symposium; and

(e) the steps taken by the government to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of a total of 269 delegates, 49 were from foreign countries.

(c) Delegates from Australia, Brazil, Fiji, France, Indonesia, Italy, Ivory Coast, Kiribati, Philippines Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, UK, Vietnam, Western Samoa and Netherlands attended the Symposium.

(d) Several recommendations for upgradation of technology in respect of gene banks, use of dwarfing genes and drought tolerant genes, intergrated pest management, DNA probes, efficient utilisation of coconut timber etc. were made.

(e) The approved version of the proceedings is awaited.

Trade and Transit Treaties with Nepal

3593. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Nepal to have separate treaties on trade and transit;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the bilateral economic cooperation including trade ties with Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Separate Indo-Nepal Treaties of Trade and Transit have been signed on December 6, 1991.

(c) Besides the conclusion of the Trade and Transit Treaties and the agreement for cooperation in controlling unauthorised trade, several steps have been taken to streamline and liberalise the access regime for Nepalese exports to India, especially in the duty free/quota free category. A specially favourable access regime has also been established for the exports of approved Indo-Nepal joint ventures. All this should help improve Indo-Nepal trade ties substantially in the future.

[*Translation*]

Gas based Industries in Uttar Pradesh

3594. SHRI REJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gas-based industries in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the government of Uttar Pradesh for setting up more such industries in that State;

(c) if so, the action taken by the government in this regard; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Four

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Further allocations would depend on the availability of gas along the HBJ pipeline, which at present is already over committed.

[*English*]

Fertilizers to Cashew Growers at Subsidized Rates

3595. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give fertilizers to Cashew growers at subsidized rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the plans drawn up by the government for increasing Cashew cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Under the Central Sector Integrated Programme for Development of Cashew, a subsidy of Rs. 3000/- per has. is provided which is estimated to be the cost of fertilizers required for one hectare cultivation. The subsidy is disbursed in five annual instalments.

(c) The plans for increasing production and productivity of cashew cultivation include the following-

(i) Area Expansion with clonal planing material.